(c) how does it compare with GER of developed and developing countries; and

(d) the steps Government proposes to take to improve enrolment ratio in higher education?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) The Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in Indian higher education is estimated to be about 12.4%, as compared to estimated world average of 26%. In order to achieve the targeted GER of an additional five percent by the end of XI Plan, a substantial increase in Plan allocation has been made for the expansion of higher education, by way of setting up of institutions such as Central Universities in uncovered States, Indian Institutes of Technology, Indian Institutes of Management, Indian Institutes of Science Education and Research, Indian Institutes of Information Technology, and Schools of Planning and Architecture. Expansion of capacity of the existing institutions, incentivizing State Governments for increasing State outlays on higher education and setting up of new colleges in 374 educationally backward district with GER below the national level through partnership with State Governments are also some of the steps for achieving higher GER. Expansion of Central Educational Institutions covered under the Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Admission) Act, 2006 has also been undertaken which aims to increase intake capacity of these institutions by 54%.

Law as a subject in Secondary Education

2680. SHRT SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering a proposal to include law in the curriculum of Secondary Education;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) The model syllabi for secondary stage, developed by National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) based on National Curriculum Framework, 2005, include elements of law in various subjects, and specifically in Political Science and Economics., *e.g.* citizen's rights in democracy, consumer awareness, etc. Further, NCERT's syllabus of Political Science in Class XI includes themes on Indian Constitution, social justice, rights, and citizenship. Central Board of Secondary Education has introduced an elective course "Human Rights and Gender Studies" in the higher secondary stage.

Establishment of high quality schools

2681. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the new 6000 high quality schools proposed to be established by Government have taken concrete shape;

(b) the details of the plans chalked out in this regard;

(c) the total expenditure likely to be incurred in this regard;

(d) what will be the role of the State Governments in this regard; and

(e) the number of school sponsored to be established in the State of Goa and the expenditure and other details involved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) Central Government has decidecd to setup 6000 high quality model schools at the block level, at the rate of one school per block, as benchmarks of excellence. The first phase of the scheme to set up 2500 Model Schools in educationally backward blocks (EBBs) under the State Governments was launched in November, 2008.

(c) An amount of Rs. 12,750 crore has been allocated for this scheme for the 11th Five Year Plan, and Rs. 350 crore has been provided in the budget for 2009-10.

(d) For the schools to be set up and managed by State Governments, land is to be provided by the State Government concerned, which also has to bear 25% of recurring and non-recurring cost during the 11th Plan. The share of special category States is 10%. Medium of instruction, affiliating Board and admission policy are to be decided by the State Governments.

(e) Eventually, every block is likely to have a model school. However, in the first phase, there is no proposal to set up model schools under the State Government in Goa, as the state does not have any educational backward block. In blocks other than EBBs, schools are envisaged under public private partnership.

Participation of Indian students in research

†2682. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's participation in the field of research at international level is very low;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor together with the details thereof;

(c) the number of students who get enrolled for pursuing Ph.D degree in our country as compare with those in America and China along with the number of students who complete their Ph.D; and

(d) the percentage of students who take admission in higher education in our country as compare to those in developed countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) While there is no study by the Central Government to establish India's position in the field of academic research, the Task Force on Strengthening Basic

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.